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NEW PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
(37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Transmitted herewith for filing is an original (nonprovisional) patent application of:

Inventor(s): Thorsten Laux

Entitled: A System and Method Including a Merging Driver for Accessing Multiple Data Sources

Enclosed are the following papers as required for a filing date under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b):

       Sheets Microfiche Appendix;  
16 Pages Description;  
4 Pages Claims;  
1 Page Abstract; and  
8 Drawing Sheets (Informal).

Other papers enclosed include:

X Return Receipt Postcard;  
X Check for \$830.00 ;  
2 Pages of Combined Declaration For Patent Application and Power of Attorney;

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Pages of Statement Claiming Small Entity  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b) -- Small  
 Business Concern);

Recordation Form Cover Sheet; and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Page of Assignment of the invention to Sun  
 Microsystems, Inc.

Fee Calculation					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
					\$ 710.00
Total No. of Claims	17	- 20 =	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
No. Independent Claims	4	- 3 =	1	X \$80.00	\$ 80.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				\$270.00	0.00
Total of above Calculation					\$ 790.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)					1.0
Filing Fee					\$ 790.00

FEE PAYMENT

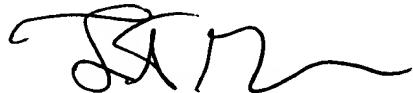
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Filing Fee	\$ 790.00
Assignment Recording Fee	40.00
<b>Total Fees Enclosed</b>	<b>\$ 830.00</b>

A check in the amount of \$830.00 is enclosed

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

Respectfully submitted,



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